

USA Comments Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission

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CHAPTER 4.1.12.

HEPATOPANCREATIC PARVOVIRUS DISEASE

General Comment: The United States supports the changes proposed for this chapter. We are recommending some changes to the syntax for clearer understanding. These few changes are shown in “red font” or as a strike-through. We also are making some comments as indicated.

Article 4.1.12.2.

Scope

The recommendations in this Chapter apply to: Indian white shrimp (*Penaeus indicus*), black tiger shrimp (*Penaeus monodon*), Pacific white shrimp (*Penaeus vannamei*) and Pacific blue shrimp (*P. stylirostris*). These recommendations also apply to any other *susceptible species* referred to in the *Aquatic Manual* when traded internationally.

Comment: Which is the correct taxonomic name for these species, *Penaeus vannamei* or *Litopenaeus vannamei*; *P. stylirostris* or *Litopenaeus stylirostris*? Reference: See Perez Farfante and Kensley. 1997. The penaeid and segestoid shrimp and prawns of the world: keys and diagnosis for families and genera. *Memoires du Museum D’Histoire Naturelle*. 175:1-233.

Article 4.1.12.3.

Commodities

1. When authorising the importation or transit of the following *commodities*, the *Competent Authorities* of the *importing country* should not require any HPVD related conditions, regardless of the HPVD status of the *exporting country*, *zone* or *compartment*.

a) For the species referred to in Article 4.1.12.2. for any purpose:

i) ...

iv) crustacean meals or by-products made non-infectious by heating or drying (e.g. flame dried or sun dried);

Comment: The United States recommends either specifying how this status should be demonstrated, or listing the recommended temp/time parameters, or using the following language: ‘...*crustacean meals or by-products that have been treated in a manner that ensures inactivation of HPV*’

v) crustacean products made non-infectious through processing as dry feeds (e.g. pelleted or extruded feeds);

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Article 4.1.12.4.

Hepatopancreatic parvovirus disease free country

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OR

4. A country that has previously made a *self-declaration of freedom* from HPVD but in which the *disease* is subsequently detected may ~~not~~ make a *self-declaration of freedom* from HPVD again ~~until~~ **when** the following conditions have been met:
 - a) ...

Article 4.1.12.5.

Hepatopancreatic parvovirus disease free zone or free compartment

...

OR

4. A ~~zone~~ previously declared free from HPVD but in which the *disease* is detected may ~~not~~ be declared free from HPVD again ~~until~~ **when** the following conditions have been met:
 - a) ...